



**St. Paul's, Covingham
St. Timothy's, Liden
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*Transforming lives and communities
Knowing Jesus and making Him known*



Mark 9: 30-37

SERVICES - 19th September 2021

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Deacon Stephen Roe
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St. Tim's

10.30am	No Service	
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(P.S. It is Morning Worship rather than All-Age – there was a typo last week!)

We will be live-streaming St. Paul's Service on the Facebook Page
"Dorcan Church Notice Board"
which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsstimothysswindon/>

Welcome to the Dorcan Church.

**If you are new, we would love to get to know you better.
Please speak to the Minister or to one of the Stewards.**

SERVICES - 26th September 2021

St. Paul's

10.30am	Morning Worship	Rev. Stuart Fisher
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St. Tim's

10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Trudie Wigley
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**"coming
soon
To
A
Church
Near
you"**

Worship Update

Dear Friends, after robust discussion, the Dorcan Church Standing Committee have agreed the following:

Masks

We would ask you to continue in the wearing of face coverings for the protection of one another please, but realise that this is still a very uncomfortable thing for some people to do for various reasons; so please bear with one another. Also, we will continue to sing behind masks, as we have been doing.

Refreshments

We are going to restart with refreshments after Sunday services, and this means that we will need volunteers to prepare, serve, and tidy up. In St Pauls, this will also require the moving of chairs into the hall so that we can gather with more space and ventilation. At St Paul's, Colleen Wiseman has volunteered to co-ordinate a rota so please could you give your name to her or John Davidson or Nathalie Marshall if you are willing and able to be on the refreshments team, in any capacity. The more people we have the easier the task will be. Church groups using the buildings are also welcome to share refreshments, but are asked to be mindful of appropriate precautions. At St Tim's please let Sarah or Brenda or Anne know how you can help.

Communion

Whilst in the Church of England we are now able to share the common cup for wine, we are not currently looking to re-commence this practice at Dorcan, and indeed very few churches are doing so. Church of England canon law, under which Trudie and Stuart exercise their ministry, means that it is not currently admissible for the congregation to receive wine in individual cups. However, going forward we are looking at the possibility of offering an intincted wafer (dipped in the wine) so that we may offer communion in both kinds, which is permitted. Provision will be made for those who take gluten-free wafers so that there is no trace of gluten in the wine into which their wafers may be dipped. On the occasions we have a visiting Methodist presbyter, they may be offered the use of the individual cups, which is the usual Methodist practice and has now been allowed to re-commence.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate a way through living with Covid and the requirements of our two denominations, which is a significant part of who we are.

Standing Committee

Engaging with Living in Love and Faith.

Will you be part of the conversation?

Living in Love and Faith sets out to inspire people to think more deeply about what it means to be human and to live in love and faith with one another.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

We hope you will be able to sign up to the course and engage in this very important moment in the life of the Church of England. We will be running courses at the following times and places (subject to numbers signing up to each)

Day	Time	Venue	Start Date
Monday	7.30-9pm	St John's Haydon Wick	4th October
Wednesday	1.30 - 3pm	St Peter's Penhill	6th October
Tuesday	7.30-9pm	Wroughton and Wichelstowe Church Hall	12th October
Wednesday	7.30 - 9pm	Via zoom	13th October
Thursday	7.30 - 9pm	St.Pauls, Dorcan (Small hall)	21st October
Friday	10- 11.30am	On zoom	22nd October
Monday	1.30-3pm	St John's Parks & Walcot	25th October

It is expected that you will meet together with a facilitator and about 4 other people for 90 minutes each session weekly over 6 weeks. To join a course please contact David Caine - 07774 150426 or email TwelveTwentyFive@msn.com and tell him your name, church, and 1st and 2nd preference courses. Also let him know if you would prefer to join a course in the new year instead.

Trained facilitators will lead these courses and Ordained clergy will not, for the



SUPPORT THE FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021



Church Family - it's that time of year again. The Link to Hope appeal has started. There is a box with pamphlets in the rack by the Notice Board at St. Paul's; there will also be some knitted hats and gloves under the table at St. Paul's, and I have been given a donation of 3 dozen children's tooth brushes. If you need any for your box, please let me know.

The closing date this year is 6th November; I will publish details nearer the time. Thank you for all your past involvement - lets hope for another good year. Thank you.

Paul Tayler

Clare, the cleaner for our Centres, is taking leave for the next two weeks. If anybody is willing to offer a couple of hours (or more) cleaning during this period, especially in the evening, then please contact Pete Mulcock on pmulcock1@gmail.com or 07958 448249. He would be delighted to hear from you!

Many Thanks,

Pete Mulcock

New Community Centre Operations Manager

As from the beginning of this month we are pleased to welcome Jenny Hatter who has joined us as an interim Community Centre Operations Manager.

Jenny is actually an employee at Christ Church Community Centre. but joins us on the basis of a service contract to work part-time - 12 hours per week - initially for the next 3 months.

Jenny's primary role will be to manage the Centre bookings for us and to be a point of contact for users of our buildings. The plan is for her to work from the St Paul's office (the vestry) at the following times each week:

Monday: 09.30 - 12.30
Wednesday: 12.30 - 14.30
Thursday: 10.30 - 12.00.

The remainder of her hours will be worked flexibly, either in the office or remotely.

If you do come into contact with Jenny, either in the St Paul's building or through making a booking for one of our rooms, please do make her feel welcome.

Pete Mulcock.

Open Day - Saturday 18th September at 11 Merlin Way, Swindon, SN3 5AN

Stephen and Angela Roe are inviting you to an Open Day at 11 Merlin Way on Saturday 18 September between 10.00am and 12.00 noon, and 1.00pm until 3.00pm.

Nothing formal or fancy, just a chance to call round and meet us, have a cup of tea or coffee, and to see the manse.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as can make it, and to begin to get to know you.

Stephen

**Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Registered
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Thank you to all, who have supported me.
The weather was exceptionally kind to me, it stayed dry,
and wasn't too warm.

I started off in the countryside, cycling through
Wroughton, Chiseldon, Liddington, Wanborough, Hinton
Parva, Bishopstone, Ashbury, Bourton, Shrivenham, Sev-
enhampton, and SouthMarston, and then into
Swindon, 41 Churches in Total were visited, and I cycled
50 miles in the process.

On the whole it was a very enjoyable ride, and so far we
have raised almost £500.

If anyone would still like to donate, then this can still be
done through Just Giving.

**[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-
Davidson20](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Davidson20)**.

Thank you all so much .

John Davidson

All items for inclusion in the next notices should be sent to
Anna Newman by **Wednesday 22nd September** Tel 695698
or email anagram673@hotmail.co.uk Thank you.

Please let me know if you would like to receive notices by email